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Response under 37 C.F.R. 1.116
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Examining Group. 1731

Attorney Docket No. P17233

Group Art Unit: 1731

Examiner: D. Walls



In re application of : H. PRINZING et al.

Serial No. : 09/228,658

Filed : January 12, 1999

For : PRESS DEVICE AND METHOD OF USING THE SAME

THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 in the above-captioned application.

- ___ Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously filed.
___ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
X An IDS, PTO 1449 form, and references cited.
X No Additional Fee.

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Responsive to the Final Office Action of August 24, 2000, the period for response extending until November 24, 2000, reconsideration of this action and allowance of all the claims of the present application are respectfully requested and are now believed appropriate in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 13 as follows (a marked-up copy of the amended claim is provided in the attached Appendix):

13. (Amended) The press device according to claim 1, wherein the pressure fluid line is a common pressure fluid line, and the at least one first support element and the at least one second support element being connected to the common pressure fluid line, the adjustment device comprising an adjustable pressure reduction device provided in at least